

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on January 30, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because it fails to fully comply with the requirement for information. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

Applicant responded to the requirement for information by stating that rejections were made in Japan on August 8, 2007 and November 17, 2007. This is not what the requirement asked.

The requirement for information asked applicant to submit a copy of each rejection made in the corresponding Japanese application and English language translations of the rejections. The Japanese rejections are required because they are relevant to patentability under 37 CFR 1.105. There is nothing more relevant to patentability than a patentability report from a Patent Office.

In order to comply with the requirement for information, applicant must submit the actual text of the Japanese rejections dated August 8, 2007 and November 17, 2007 and any subsequent rejections, along with translations in the English language of the

Japanese rejections. Examination of this application will continue after this Office receives a copy of each rejection made in the corresponding Japanese application and English language translations of the rejections.

This information is relevant to patentability. Applicant is reminded that failure to fully reply to this requirement will result in a holding of abandonment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEFFREY S. SMITH whose telephone number is (571)270-1235. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jingge Wu can be reached on 571 272-7429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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